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SUBJECT: SCIENCE ATTACHE

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1. I HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE EXTENT OF ADVANTAGE  
IN ACCREDITING A SCIENCE ATTACHE TO SOFIA, BUT AM PREPARED  
TO AGREE TO THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT FOR THE COMING YEAR.  
IF THE ARRANGEMENT PROVES ITSELF, IT COULD OF COURSE BE  
CONTINUED.

2. IN SUPPORT OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, VISITS OF THE SCIENCE  
ATTACHE COULD BE USED AS FOCUS FOR VISITS TO SCIENTIFIC  
ENTERPRISES AND FOR PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS, AND  
SEMINARS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGES. POSSIBLE DISADVANTAGE, ON THE OTHER HAND,  
MIGHT BE TENDENCY OF BULGARIAN OFFICIALS TO DOWNGRADE OTHER  
CONTACTS WITH THE PERMANENT EMBASSY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THEM. IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE NEED TO KEEP  
THE NON-RESIDENT ATTACHE IN TOUCH WITH ROUTINE DEVELOPMENTS  
IN BULGARIA. ANTICIPATED SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES WOULD CLEARLY  
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NOT JUSTIFY A FULL-TIME ATTACHE, AND COULD BE ABSORBED BY  
THE EXISTING STAFF. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE  
ARRANGEMENT COULD BE USEFUL AND ARE PREPARED TO TRY IT OUT.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL REAFFIRMATION FOR SOME  
YEARS OF THE 1969 AGREEMENT ON A PERSONNEL CEILING OF 26

AMERICANS AT EMBASSY SOFIA. WE ARE CURRENTLY PRECISELY AT THAT LEVEL, NOT INCLUDING THE NON-RESIDENT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE. WE DO NOT EXPECT ACCREDITATION OF A NON-RESIDENT SCIENCE ATTACHE TO BE CONSIDERED AS EXCEEDING THE CEILING, WHICH WE CONSTRUE AS APPLYING ONLY TO FULL-TIME RESIDENT STAFF. IN ANY CASE, IF OUR NEEDS SHOULD COME TO CALL FOR A LARGER STAFF, WE BELIEVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CEILING 9 YEARS AGO SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE RAISING THIS QUESTION AGAIN. IN THIS CASE, IF THE GOB SHOULD RAISE THE MATTER, THE EMBASSY WOULD QUESTION CONTINUED APPROPRIATENESS OF AN ARBITRARY CEILING, AS WELL AS ARGUING THAT A NON-RESIDENT ATTACHE SHOULD IN ANY CASE NOT BE COUNTED.  
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